

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) *re : Reduction of rice quantity to ration card holders in South Kanara District.*

SRI U. T. FAREED (Ullal).—Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Food and Forests to the hardship caused to the Ration Card holders in South Kanara District due to reduction of quantity of rice etc., from 4 Kgs to 2 Kgs.

SRI G. RAME GOWDA (Minister for Food and Forest).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, in response to calling attention notice of Sri U. T. Fareed, I wish to make the following statement.

The Hon'ble Member Shri U. T. Fareed, has tabled a call attention motion stating that ration of rice has been reduced from 4 Kgs to 2 Kgs to each card holder which is causing inconvenience to the public of Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada District. On verification it is found that this is not correct. The quantity of rice per card holder in Mangalore as per scale is maintained and there has been no reduction in the quantity of rice. Hence the apprehension of the Hon'ble Member that inconvenience is caused to the public is not correct.

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಟಿ. ಫರೀದ್.—ನಾನು ಮೊನ್ನೆ ಉಲ್ಲಾಳಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನತೆ, ನಾಲ್ಕು ಕೆ.ಜಿ. ಅಕ್ಕಿ ಬಲು ದುರದಾ ಕೇಜಿ ಅಕ್ಕಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಮೂರನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದರು. ಆದರೆ, ಇದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟ ಪ್ರಕರಣವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದರೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಅದನ್ನು ಸರಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಯಾರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ರಾಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಖಂಡಿತವಾಗಿ ಸರಿ ಮಾಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(ii) *re : Scarcity of 5% glucose in District Hospital, Hassan.*

SRI K. H. HANUMEGOWDA (Hassan).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Health and Family Welfare to the hardship caused to the public due to the scarcity of 5% glucose in the District Hospital, Hassan.

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—Sir, in response to the Call Attention Notice of the hon. Member Sri Hanumegowda, I wish to make the following statement.

The District Hospital, Hassan has a bed strength of 305. On an average, this hospital requires 2,000 bottles of I. V. Fluids per month (5% Glucose, 5% Saline, normal saline etc.) This quantity was being supplied usually from the following sources :

1. From the K. R. Hospital, Wenlock Hospital and Chigateri General Hospital (these institutions manufacture I. V. Fluids in their Hospital Pharmacy).